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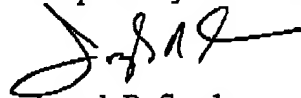
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Sir:

On March 23, 2006, Applicants filed a Request to Correct the Assignee Under 37 CFR § 3.81(b). According to the Patent Application Information Retrieval system, the Office received these documents on March 27, 2006. To date, Applicants have not received a decision in this matter.

Applicants respectfully request the status of the above-captioned patent application. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at (925) 472-5000.

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